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### **Presenters Announced for THRC Hearing in Knoxville**

The Tennessee Human Rights Commission will continue statewide hearings in Knoxville on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, which seek input from community leaders, researchers and advocacy groups to bring testimony regarding the state of human rights in local communities.

The hearing at UT Extension Campus, 1801 Downtown West Blvd., begins at 9:30 a.m. and will last until 11:30 a.m. Both written and oral testimonies will be accepted and included in the forthcoming report, “The State of Human Rights in Tennessee” from the Commission. The final report will include information from those bringing testimony in addition to statistics, trends and information from the Commission’s own work, safeguarding individuals from discrimination through enforcement and education.

Testimony from the following community leaders and organizations about human rights issues facing Knoxvilleans and Tennesseans include:

- **Mayor Madeline Rogero** on civil rights issues in Knoxville
- **David Yoder, Legal Aid of East Tennessee**, on access to justice
- **Alysa Medina, TN Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition**, on challenges facing families with mixed immigrant status
- **Amy Sosinski, UT College of Law Education Law Practicum**, on racial disparities in school discipline
- **Kenneth Bonner, REACH Empowerment Institute**, on employment discrimination facing ex-offenders
- **Knox County Commissioner Amy Broyles** on violence against women

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